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SUBJ: SECURITY PROTECTION AFFORDED PUBLIC ACCESS AREAS AT
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1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFTEL AN IN DEPTH SURVEY OF STRENGTHS AND
WEAKNESSES HAS BEEN MADE.

2. PRESENT STRENGTHS CONSIST OF AN MSG LOCATED AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE
ON THE SECOND FLOOR, A LOCAL GUARD DETACHMENT SUPPLEMENTED BY
LOCAL POLICE OFFICERS AT THE STREET ENTRANCE TO THE EMBASSY, AND
RECENTLY CONSTRUCTED METAL SLIDING GRILL WORK AT THE FRON
ENTRANCE AND BETWEEN THE SECOND AND FIRST FLOOR STAIRWELL. THE
CONSULAR SECTION, DIRECTLY BEHIND THE MSG ENTRANCE HAS A PANIC
ALARM CONNECTED TO THE MSG DESK. THE THIRD FLOOR IS SECURED
BY A WALL AND DOOR, ELECTRONICALLY CONTROLLED BY THE MSG.

3. WEAKNESSES IN THE ABOVE SYSTEM ARE THAT ADEQUATE CONTROL IS
NOT HAD OVER ACCESS TO THE FIRST FLOOR, THE MSG IS INADEQUATELY
PROTECTED, AND SHOULD AN INCIDENT OCCUR IN THE LOBBY WHEREBY
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THE MSG IS INCAPACITATED, THE FIRST AND SECOND FLOORS ARE TOTALLY

OPEN AND SUBJECT TO ATTACK ALLOWING ALL OCCUPANTS ON THESE FLOORS TO BE AVAILABLE AS HOSTAGES.

4. TO CORRECT THE WEAKNESSES IDENTIFIED BY THE SURVEY, THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS ARE BEING TAKEN:

A. GRILL WORK WILL BE DESIGNED FOR THE FIRST FLOOR WINDOWS AND DOORS, THEREBY PREVENTING FORCED ENTRY ON THAT LEVEL. UPON COMPLETION OF THE DESIGN, PRICE QUOTATIONS WILL BE SOLICITED AND FBO FUNDING REQUESTED.

B. QUOTATIONS WILL BE OBTAINED FOR CONSTRUCTION OF METAL DOORS AT EXTERNAL EXITS ON GROUND FLOOR TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE SECURITY AND PREVENT FORCED ENTRY AND FBO FUNDING WILL BE REQUESTED.

C. ALARMS ARE PRESENTLY BEING INSTALLED BETWEEN THE FRONT AND REAR ENTRANCES AND THE RSO AND NCOIC OFFICES. THESE AREAS WILL ALSO BE MONITORED BY CCTV BY THE RSO AND NCOIC THEREBY PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE MONITORING CAPABILITY AND ASSIST IN DETERMINING THE REACTION NEEDED. CCTV EQUIPMENT HAS BEEN ORDERED FROM THE REGIONAL SECURITY TECHNICAL CENTER. IN ADDITION HORNS ARE BEING ORDERED FROM THE REGIONAL SECURITY TECHNICAL CENTER WHICH WILL BE INSTALLED BY THE RESIDENT SEABEE. THE MSG WILL BE ABLE TO ACTIVATE THE HORNS AND ALERT THE BUILDING OCCUPANTS THAT AN INCIDENT IS OCCURRING. WHEN INSTALLED A PROCEDURE AS TO WHAT ACTIONS SHOULD BE TAKEN UPON ACTIVATION OF THIS ALARM WILL BE WRITTEN AND PROVIDED TO THE BUILDING OCCUPANTS.

D. AUTHORIZATION FOR TWO ADDITIONAL MSG POSITIONS IS BEING REQUESTED IN ORDER THAT A POST MAY BE ESTABLISHED AT THE REAR ENTRANCE TO THE CHANCERY. THIS ENTRANCE IS UTILIZED MORE THAN THE FRONT ENTRANCE AND WILL BE PROTECTED BY MSG DURING WORKING HOURS AND SECURED DURING NON-WORKING HOURS. AS THIS ENTRANCE IS LOCATED ON A SEPARATE FLOOR AND DIFFERENT WING, THE PRESENT MSG POST CAN NOT PROTECT IT.

E. A DESIGN FOR A BULLET PROOF BARRIER, CONSTRUCTED OF METAL AND BULLET PROOF GLASS FOR THE FRONT AND REAR ENTRANCES WILL BE MADE AND A PRICE QUOTATION SOLICITED. WHEN FUNDING IS OBTAINED, THIS BARRIER WILL BE PLACED BETWEEN THE ENTRANCE AND MSG, ALLOWING THE MSG THE CAPABILITY OF CONTROLLING AND IDENTIFYING VISITORS IN SAFETY.

F. A PERMANENT WALL WITH SOLID WOOD, METAL COVERED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DOORS IS BEING DESIGNED FOR THE TWO CORRIDORS BEHIND THE MSG DESK AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE. PRICE QUOTATIONS WILL BE OBTAINED AND FBO FUNDING REQUESTED. THESE DOORS, COUPLED WITH A BUTTON LOCATED AT THE MSG DESK WHICH STOPS THE ELEVATOR, WILL INSURE THE SECURITY OF THE FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD FLOORS. THE DESIGN OF THE ELEVATOR SYSTEM WILL BE STUDIED BY THE RESIDENT SEABEE AND THE REGIONAL TECHNICAL CENTER.

G. ELECTRONIC RELEASE LOCKS WILL BE ORDERED FROM THE

REGIONAL TECHNICAL CENTER AND INSTALLED ON THE BULLET PROOF BARRIER AND HALLWAY ENTRANCE DOORS AND WILL BE CONTROLLED BY THE MSG.

H. THE EXTERIOR LIGHTING IS INADEQUATE AND DOES NOT AFFORD ANY OUTSIDE VISIBILITY TO THE MSG AT NIGHT. IN ADDITION THE OUTSIDE CCTV CAMERA CANNOT PROPERLY FUNCTION AT NIGHT AS SUFFICIENT LIGHT IS NOT AVAILABLE. REGIONAL SECURITY TECHNICAL CENTER IS BEING REQUESTED BY THE RSO TO VISIT THE POST AND REPORT ON LIGHT REQUIREMENTS. FUNDING FOR THE ADDITIONAL LIGHTS WILL THEN BE REQUESTED.

I. A WALL AND FENCELINE ARE REQUIRED. THIS HAS BEEN THE SUBJECT OF NUMEROUS REQUEST TO FBO DURING THE PAST TWO YEARS. THE POST IS OBTAINING PRICE ESTIMATES FOR REAR AND SIDE FENCING IN ORDER TO REQUEST FBO FUNDING. THE FENCE IS TO BE NINE FEET HIGH WITH A FOOT AND A HALF OUTWARD BARB WIRE APRON. THE RSO HAS ALSO DESIGNED A FRONT WALL WHICH WILL MATCH THE DESIGN OF THE EMBASSY AND PROVIDE ADEQUATE SECURITY. THE SKETCH WITH COST ESTIMATES WILL BE FORWARDED TO FBO AND A/SY FOR APPROVAL. ONCE APPROVED AND FUNDED, IT WILL BE CONSTRUCTED.

H. UPON COMPLETION OF THE FENCE, A SHAKE ALARM WILL BE ORDERED AND INSTALLED.

5. THE APPROVAL AND CONSTRUCTION OF A PERIMETER WALL IS MOST IMPORTANT AS THE STAFF APARTMENTS, RECREATION AREAS, GSO GARAGE AND WAREHOUSE ARE ALL LOCATED ON THE EMBASSY COMPOUND. WITHOUT A FENCE THESE INSTALLATION ARE OPEN PREY TO TERRORIST ACTION.

6. USIS AND USAID FACILITIES AND US CONSULATES IN PAKISTAN WILL BE VISITED BY THE RSO AND ACCESS CONTROL PROCEDURES WILL BE SURVEYED AND RECOMMENDATIONS MADE.
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